

What is claimed is:

1. An adapter operable to support a computing device, comprising:

a support plate having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite said top surface;

a connector provided from said bottom surface, adapted to removably mount said support plate to a support stand; and

a latch provided from said top surface, operable to secure a computing device to said support plate.

2. The adapter of claim 1 wherein the computing device is a portable computing device, wherein said latch engages a cooperating opening in the portable computing device.

3. The adapter of claim 1 wherein said connector includes a threaded stud adapted to engage a cooperating threaded opening of the support stand.

4. The adapter of claim 1 wherein said connector includes a threaded opening adapted to engage a cooperating threaded member of the support stand.

5. The adapter of claim 1 wherein the support stand includes a tripod.

6. The adapter of claim 1 wherein the support stand includes a photography tripod.
7. The adapter of claim 2 wherein said latch is operable to engage a secure keyhole provided in a bottom surface of the portable computing device.
8. The adapter of claim 7 wherein a plurality of said latches are provided from said top surface.
9. The adapter of claim 8 further comprising one or more pivots operable to guide the portable computing device to an engaging position with said adapter.
10. The adapter of claim 2 wherein said support plate further comprises one or more sidewalls extending upwardly from said top surface, said one or more sidewalls having dimensions such that when said adapter is attached to the portable computing device, said one or more sidewalls does not obstruct elements of the portable computing device normally available for use in normal operation.
11. The adapter of claim 2 further comprising a plurality of interior electrical connectors for mating with corresponding electrical connectors of the portable computing device and a plurality of exterior electrical connectors coupled to said interior electrical connectors, said exterior electrical connectors adapted to mate

with a plurality of corresponding cables, thereby connecting the electrical connectors of the portable computing device to the corresponding cables.

12. The adapter of claim 11 wherein said adapter is further operable to function as a port replicator for the portable computing device.

13. The adapter of claim 12 wherein said adapter is further operable to function as a docking station for the portable computing device.

14. An adapter operable to support a computing device, comprising:

- a support plate having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite said top surface;

- a connector provided from said bottom surface, adapted to removably mount said support plate to a support stand;

- a latch provided from said top surface, operable to secure a computing device to said support plate;

- a plurality of interior electrical connectors for mating with corresponding electrical connectors of the portable computing device; and

- a plurality of exterior electrical connectors coupled to said interior electrical connectors, said exterior electrical connectors adapted to mate with a plurality of corresponding cables, thereby connecting the electrical connectors of said portable computing device to the corresponding cables.

15. The adapter of claim 14 wherein the computing device is a portable computing device having a secure keyhole in a bottom surface thereof, wherein said latch engages the secure keyhole in the portable computing device.

16. The adapter of claim 14 wherein said connector includes a threaded stud adapted to engage a cooperating threaded opening of the support stand.

17. The adapter of claim 14 wherein said connector includes a threaded opening adapted to engage a cooperating threaded member of the support stand.

18. The adapter of claim 14 wherein the support stand includes a photography tripod.

19. The adapter of claim 14 wherein a plurality of said latches are provided from said top surface, said latches operable to engage a plurality of secure keyholes of the portable computing device.

20. An adapter operable to support a computing device, comprising:

a support plate having a top surface and a side surface adjacent said top surface;

a connector provided from said side surface, adapted to removably mount said support plate to a cooperating support, the cooperating support oriented in a substantially vertical direction; and

a latch provided from said top surface, operable to secure a computing device to said support plate.